

15th LRS: Making the mission complete

By Senior Airman
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Vehicles ... cargo ... flights ... property shipments ... all these and more are handled by an elite group of professionals here.

The 15th Logistics Readiness Squadron is responsible for many parts of the Team Hickam puzzle.

"The 15th LRS manages the 15th Airlift Wing's deployment capability, war reserve material and support agreements," said 1st Lt. Kevin Keaney, 15th LRS Material Management Flight assistant chief. Additionally, the unit "maintains, operates and manages a 694-vehicle fleet and a supply warehouse inventory of \$10 million. Each year, the 15th LRS moves approximately 19,000 passengers, 7,300 short tons of cargo, 2,500 personal property shipments and processes more than 215,000 supply transactions."

These tasks are accomplished by a civilian and military workforce totaling just under 200 members.

With the arrival of the 15th Airlift Wing's first C-17 set for early next year, the unit is preparing for significant changes including the addition of 31 people and more than 55 vehicles.

"The first phase of the transformation began with a \$500,000 project in May to renovate the supply warehouse to create a parts distribution center," said Capt. Michael Blakely, 15th LRS Readiness Flight chief. "With the addition of eight more military supply specialists,

the center will provide 24-hour, seven-day-a-week supply support for C-17 parts. The facility will house more than 30,000 C-17 specific parts, and the personnel will be able to access all supplies managed by the wing to support Team Hickam's many missions."

The second phase of the transformation began in July with a renovation of Hangar 7 to house the combat mobility element which is transferring to Hickam from Kadena Air Base, Japan.

"This section of 23 aerial port technicians has been specially trained to rig and recover airdrop loads in the field," said Captain Blakely. "In addition to building airdrop training loads, the CME will also provide combat offload training capability for aircrews. For Hangar 7, the renovations include upgrades to secure high value assets and a drying tower to dry the 87-foot long parachutes. The transfer of the CME section will ensure Hickam-based C-17 aircrews are prepared to accomplish their combat mission."

One thing will not change with the unit's expanded mission.

"Every product and service we provide is directly or indirectly focused on one specific goal and that's the generation of agile combat support," said Lt. Col. Craig Berlette, 15th LRS commander. "The unit's highly qualified and professional workforce will continue to be the key to its success. We're very proud of the role we play as part of Team Hickam."

The squadron's motto says it all, "Yes We Can!"



Photos by Angela Elbern

(Above) Senior Airman Julie Maddox and Staff Sgt. Ty Cook (on lift), 15th Logistics Readiness Squadron, place stock items on shelves in the base supply storage area. (Right) Tanuopopo Fesili and Staff Sgt. Carl Newton, 15th LRS, process an item into the base supply system. (Below) Peggy Daniel and David Hopper, 15th LRS, review the vehicle dispatch log. (Left) Al Parks, 15th LRS, points out a gauge on a refueling vehicle as Perry Mariano, 15th LRS, looks on.



AT THE MOVIES

Memorial Theater 449-2239 • CLOSED Monday and Tuesday

Friday, Saturday and Thursday at 7 p.m.

WAR OF THE WORLDS — Ray is a working class man living in New Jersey. He's estranged from his family, his life isn't in order, and he's too caught up in himself. But the unthinkable and, ultimately, the unexpected happens to him in an extraordinary sense. His small town life is shaken violently by the arrival of destructive intruders: Martians which have come enmasse to destroy Earth. PG-13 (frightening sequences of sci-fi violence and disturbing images) 117 min. Starring Tome Cruise and Miranda Otto.



Sunday at 2 p.m. and Thursday at 2 p.m.

HERBIE: FULLY LOADED — Maggie, the new owner of Number 53- the free-wheelin' Volkswagon bug with a mind of its own-puts the car through its paces on the road to becoming a NASCAR competitor. Herbie's got some new tricks under his hood. G (General Audiences) 98 min. Starring Lindsay Lohan and Justin Long.

Sunday and Wednesday at 7 p.m.

BEWITCHED — When Jack accidentally runs into Isabel, he becomes convinced she could play the witch Samantha in his new TV series. Isabel is also taken with Jack, seeing him as the quintessential mortal man with whom she can settle down and lead the normal life she so desires. It turns out they're both right-but in ways neither of them ever imagined. PG-13 (some language, including sex and drug references, and partial nudity) 102 min. Starring Nicole Kidman and Will Ferrell.

By Capt. Tony Wickman
Alaskan Command PA

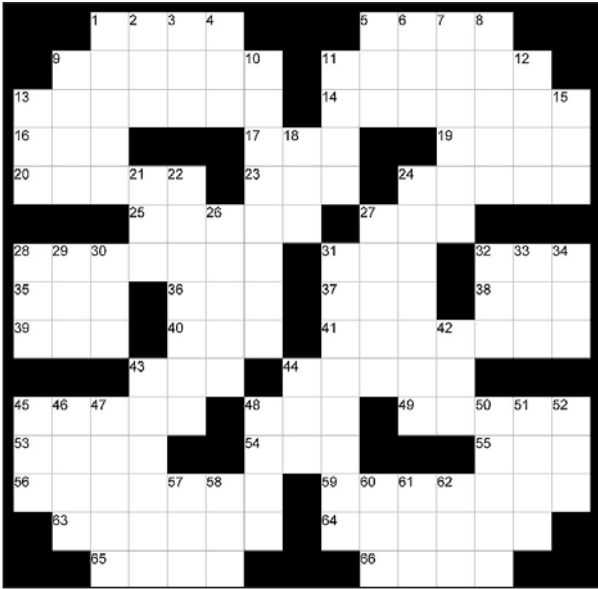
ACROSS

- 1. Pistol battle
- 5. Tied up
- 9. Name for USAF personnel
- 11. Matrix
- 13. Flight pioneer Octave; Wright Bros. advisor
- 14. Flight pioneer R.F. ____; trophy name-sake
- 16. Author
- 17. Pay during a PCS
- 19. Middle East country
- 20. Gather
- 23. Osan AB host country currency
- 24. Plank
- 25. Wrote fables
- 27. Capture
- 28. Written semantics
- 31. Russian space station
- 32. Morning moisture
- 35. Help
- 36. Bother
- 37. ____ a Wonderful Life
- 38. Pacific NW state
- 39. Dirt
- 40. USN equivalent to AFB
- 41. Walked on
- 43. Winter mon.
- 44. Oak starter
- 45. Ford flop
- 48. Former ACC boss/act-

- ing CSAF (1995)
- 49. USAF pioneer Maj Gen Hugh ____; First GHQAF Chief of Staff
- 53. Hawaiian city
- 54. Pub order
- 55. Meadow
- 56. Western Africa denizen
- 59. Flight pioneer Samuel P. ____; Wright Bros. competitor
- 63. USAF pioneer Henry H. ____; Only General of the Air Force
- 64. Comedy duo ____ & Hardy
- 65. Camera parts
- 66. Perfect score (two words)

DOWN

- 1. Roman goddess of hunting
- 2. Vase
- 3. Flightless bird
- 4. Permit
- 5. System or tourism lead-in
- 6. Actor Kilmer
- 7. WWI Air Force ace ____ Springs
- 8. Nigerian currency
- 9. Attention getter
- 10. CBS, NBC, ABC, etc.
- 11. Browse
- 12. Admiral type



- 13. Accountant title
- 15. Mission for AFMC, in short
- 18. Clip
- 21. American "Uncle"
- 22. Influential
- 24. Raving
- 26. Kitchen "wrap"
- 27. Containing the univalent group NO2
- 28. Fuel
- 29. ____ de Janeiro
- 30. Compute
- 31. USAF pioneer Maj. Gen. William ____; "Father of USAF"
- 32. SECDEF's org.
- 33. Before, poetically
- 34. Married
- 42. ____ Arbor
- 43. Actress Tripplehorn
- 44. Internet provider
- 45. Heart monitor, in short
- 46. Qatar capital
- 47. Knot up
- 48. Touch down, as in flight
- 50. Actress DeGeneres
- 51. Fishing need
- 52. Baltimore Ravens star Lewis
- 57. Charged particle
- 58. USAF NCO PME
- 60. Auto club
- 61. Bolt counterpart
- 62. Graduate student exam, in brief

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Team Hickam History: The Air Force’s most historic airfield

August 11, 1961: Vice President Chen Cheng of Nationalist China arrived at Hickam AFB on U.S. presidential aircraft “Columbine” on his way back to Formosa after a visit with President Kennedy. A 19-gun salute

and other suitable honors were observed at Hickam AFB.
August 6, 1970: Air Force families began to move into the first units of the new Ohana Nui housing

at Hickam AFB, Hawaii.
August 8-12, 1982: Special undercover security from the 15th Security Police Squadron was provided to a five-member team from Socialist Republic of Vietnam

housed at Hickam AFB. The five-member team met with personnel from the Army's Joint Casualty Resolution Center and Central Identification Laboratory to discuss the technical aspects of recovering and identifying

bodies of U.S. servicemen who died in Vietnam, Cambodia, and Laos.
August 8-13, 1989: The wing supported the third shuttle flight of the year (STS-28), which was a classified mis-

sion by the Space Shuttle Columbia.
August 11, 1990: Hickam's inaugural Triathlon offered personnel an opportunity to demonstrate their physical fitness.

Area Defense Counsel, the freedom in knowing servicemember's rights

By Kirsten Tacker
Kukini Photojournalist

The Area Defense Counsel exists to provide free legal defense services to both officer and enlisted personnel in a variety of negative administrative actions.

“Our only mission is to protect the rights of the troops from beginning to end,” said Tech. Sgt. Jennifer Breton.

The ADC verifies individual rights were read prior to suspicion of doing something wrong. The ADC advises clients not to respond to any questions without their rights being given.

United States Air Force judiciary attorney Capt. Kristin Coccaro and paralegal Tech. Sgt. Breton are the ADC here on Hickam.

“We [ADC] are the ones that protect [servicemember's] rights, everybody else on the base, commands, first sergeants protect their mission. Their mission is to seek out, find and get that taken care of,”

said Capt. Coccaro.

Captain Coccaro and Sergeant Breton do not work for any of Hickam's base commanders or the base staff judge advocate. They have a separate chain of command, which ensures anyone working in the ADC will not be pressured to do anything against their client's best interests.

The interests of the servicemember are paramount.

“We actually look over evidence for any kind of negative paperwork or court-martial. And both of us look for things done illegally or things that don't sit quite right or sounds funny, we might question that evidence,” added Capt. Coccaro

Common negative actions often dealt with at Hickam's ADC are letters of admonishment, letters of counseling, letters of reprimand, article 15, referral enlisted performance reports, promotion actions, withdrawal or suspension of the stripe, denial of re-enlistment, drug and alcohol related

incidents all the way through court-martial if there is going to be one.

“There is a due process procedure for everything, although not quite at the court-martial level. Every time there is something negative written, you are given a certain number of days to respond to it,” shared Capt. Coccaro.

Most importantly confidentiality is strict for anyone that seeks ADC for assistance.

“We are confidential, when a client comes in we have attorney client privilege, where in anything that is said in here stays in here,” confirmed Sergeant Breton.

Also, “It does not mean automatic guilt if counsel is requested. It's never acceptable to use that against an individual, there are repercussions for that,” said Capt. Coccaro.

There is a misperception that if a servicemember asks for a lawyer a black mark goes on their record and means they are automatically guilty. This is not true.



Photo by Kristen Tacker

Tech. Sgt. Jennifer Breton, Hickam Area Defense Counsel, helps to provide free legal defense services to personnel in a variety of negative administrative actions.



Courtesy photo

(Left to right) Christina Epperson, Dive Instructor Leda Brewer and Tyndale Epperson enjoy a moment at the Hickam Pool #1.

Hickam Island Divers Hawaii holds classes for all ages

Did anyone know that kids as young as 8 years old can experience what it is like to be on scuba in a controlled, supervised environment?

Well that's exactly what people can find every Saturday at Pool 1, located next to the gym.

The friendly staff at Island Divers Hawaii has been running the program this summer and are excited to expand this to a weekly event.

"We don't treat Saturday's as work. For me, there is nothing cooler than being able to share

my passion for diving with excited young people. I wish I could have begun my diving as early as these kids!" commented Leda Brewer, head of the kids program.

In conjunction with PADI (Professional Association of Dive Instructors), Island Divers Hawaii has designed the course to be a fun, safe intro to scuba with an emphasis on team skills as well as individual achievement.

The classes are small in size with a maximum of four students per instructor.

For a course price of \$45, each participant

receives a fun pack that includes a towel, stickers and a certificate of completion that shows everyone just how cool they are! Furthermore, follow up sessions can be scheduled for only \$25!

The two-hour class runs from 10 a.m. to noon and is offered every Saturday. Call early though, as spots fill up quickly.

People can walk in anytime from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m., or call 423-8222. Also, jump on over to the Web site at www.islanddivershawaii.com, for more information on classes for all you big kids!

Anthony Garcia
65th Airlift Squadron



Ground Maintenance Crews
15th Civil Engineering Squadron

15th MSS rocks because: No matter what challenges 65AS members face on a daily basis, the unit comes together to make the mission happen. Our mission is no easy task — To get CDRUSPACOM, COM-PACAF and High Dignitaries to their important destinations on time, safely with the best Operations support. This task entails 65AS members to work cohesively which in-turn creates an atmosphere full of professionals you can trust.



My job affects all of Hickam in that: As an aircrew life support tech, I ensure all survival equipment is correctly configured for the aircrew on our aircraft in case an in-flight emergency arises and provide continuation survival training skills so crewmembers can survive& return with honor. I also act as squadron Resource Advisor and along with 15th Comptroller Squadron, manage the flying hour program and balance a \$3M budget.

When not at work, I spend my off duty time: Spending it with my family as much as possible, enjoying the ocean, surfing, free-diving, playing the ukulele, working out, and pursuing personal fulfillment in different Martial Arts.

If I could change one thing about Hickam: Can't really complain about anything! (Except parking but that's the entire island!) I'm very fortunate to be here and I think Services & 15 MSG does an outstanding job in helping the community enjoy off duty time in Hawaii.

What his supervisor says: “Tony has absolutely the “best” attitude and is probably one of the hardest workers in the squadron. Not only is he our life support guy, but he is the resource advisor of the only flying unit on base. He takes on the hardest tasks and always gets the job done.”

*Lt. Col. Stephen Turner
65th Airlift Squadron Director of Operations*

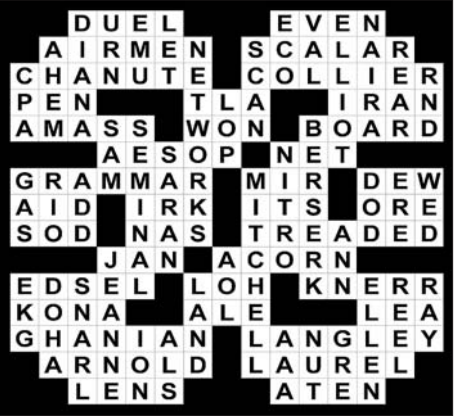
15th CES rocks because: We are a team! There are eight flights and the commander's support staff that works hand-in-hand to establish this squadron as a winner. With more than 600 members CE has created a family atmosphere that understands and appreciates the contributions of each member! In the past year 15th CES has won more than 30 awards from group level all the way to number one in the Air Force in many different categories. We have many of our members deployed to half a dozen locations, however our job completion rate has continued to meet standards. There are many family members that were left behind however none were left alone! They are part of our success and we treat them as such!



Our job affects all of Hickam in that: If you entered the front gate of Hickam you have been touched by the efforts of the 15th CES, it's our road! If a plane lands on the runway and taxi onto Hickam we made it possible. When you flip a switch or turn on a valve for water, you know we are here! From the killing of mosquitoes to the growing of trees, CE is in the mix! The idea of “cradle to grave” of all infrastructure and facilities start with our engineering, environment and resources flights and is maintained mainly by our Operations flight.

When not at work, we spend our off duty time: Ensuring that our base and community are better places to live and grow. We are involved in many Professional organizations on and off the base! We volunteer hundreds of hours to the local community, from things like: Red Cross, Habitat for Humanity, Easter Seals, Special Olympics, Boy Scouts, schools, youth sports, hospitals, churches and so much more. Many of our members further their education through academic and technical mediums. We spend quality time with our families and continue our goal of being “fit to fight”!

SOLUTIONS, From B2



CHAPEL

Editor's note: For more information on Base Chapel services or for prayer requests call the Chapel Center at 449-1754 or Nelles Chapel at 449-6562.

PROTESTANT

Nelles Chapel
Sunday Contemporary
Service 8:30 a.m.
Sunday Gospel Worship
11:15 a.m.
Sunday Praise Gathering
5:30 p.m.
Chapel Center
Sunday Traditional
8:30 a.m.

JEWISH

Aloha Jewish Chapel,
Pearl Harbor
473-0050
Jewish Lay Leader
Mr. David Bender
527-5877
Naval Station Chapel
473-3971

CATHOLIC

Nelles Chapel
Weekday Mass
11:30 a.m.
Saturday Confessions
4:15 p.m.
Saturday Mass 5 p.m.
Chapel Center
Sunday Mass 10 a.m.

ISLAMIC

Friday Congregational
Service
(1935 Aleo Place,
Punahou)
1 p.m.
Muslim Association
of Hawaii
947-6263

BUDDHIST

Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii
Betsuin A Shin
Buddhist Temple
536-7044

ORTHODOX

For more information,
call 438-6687

Sports Shorts

Diamond Head Officials

The association is looking for flag football referee's for the upcoming intramural flag football season.

No experience required as training will be provided before the season starts. Please contact Darren Jones at 448-1683 if interested.

Youth football and cheerleading registration

All participants need a current physical (within 1 year) and birth certificate.

Cost is \$50 for football and \$65 for cheerleading. Participants eligible are birth years 1989 to 2000. Practice begins Sept. 5. Coaches training will be held at the Community Center Aug. 27 at 9 a.m. Parents Meeting at Kidsports Aug. 27 — 5 p.m. - Mini Mites; 5:30 p.m. - Mitey Mites and Termites; 6 p.m. - Pee Wees and Midgets. Volunteer coaches are needed for both, contact Youth Sports 448-4492 if interested.

Youth baseball registration

Fall Baseball registration is going on and runs through Aug. 12. Participants need current physical (within 1 year) and birth certificate. Eligible are birth years 1989 to 2000. Fee is \$50 per player.

Practice will begin Sept. 5 and season will run from Oct. 1 to Nov. 30. Coaches are needed for fall baseball, football and cheerleading.

Golf tournament

The Pacific Air Forces Regional Supply Squadron is hosting a golf tournament today. Cost includes green fees, cart and prizes. E-1 through E-4 and GS-1 through GS-3, \$30. E-5 through O-3 and GS-4 through GS-8, \$40. O-4 and above, civilians and other DOD members, \$45. To sign up, send an email to brian.townsend@hickam.af.mil or toney.richey@hickam.af.mil.

For more information call 449-7777 or 449-7781.

Running club

Hickam Fitness and Sports Center is recruiting runners of all levels to begin a running club. Advanced participants are needed as volunteers, all levels are welcome.

Monthly discussions will occur including speed work, race etiquette, massage, nutrition, yoga for runners and more.

For more information, contact Susanne Dale at 449-1044.

Hickam Swim Team

The Hickam Hurricanes program is dedicated to providing children an all-around competitive swimming program.

For more information, check out the Hickam Hurricanes' Web site at <http://www.hickamhurricanes.com/>.

Wonderful Wednesdays

Hickam Harbor snorkeling adventure



Photo by Christina Failma

[Top] Michelle Gietka, left, and Carmen Munoz get prepared for snorkeling at the Hickam Harbor July 27. [Above] Haley Talati, enjoys the under water scene at the harbor.

[Right] Carmen Munoz and her husband, Santos, begin their exploration of the reef at Hickam harbor. For more Outdoor Recreation activities call 449-5215.

By Christina Failma
Kukini Staff Writer

Hickam members took a plunge in outdoor recreation's Wonderful Wednesday program last month in July.

Ten people took advantage of a sunny calm morning by boarding a boat headed out to Hickam Harbor reef for an up-close look at sea creatures in their natural habitat July 27.

This event was for everyone — from children to adults, novices to profes-

sionals. Aimee Talati was there with her two young children Nick and Haley.

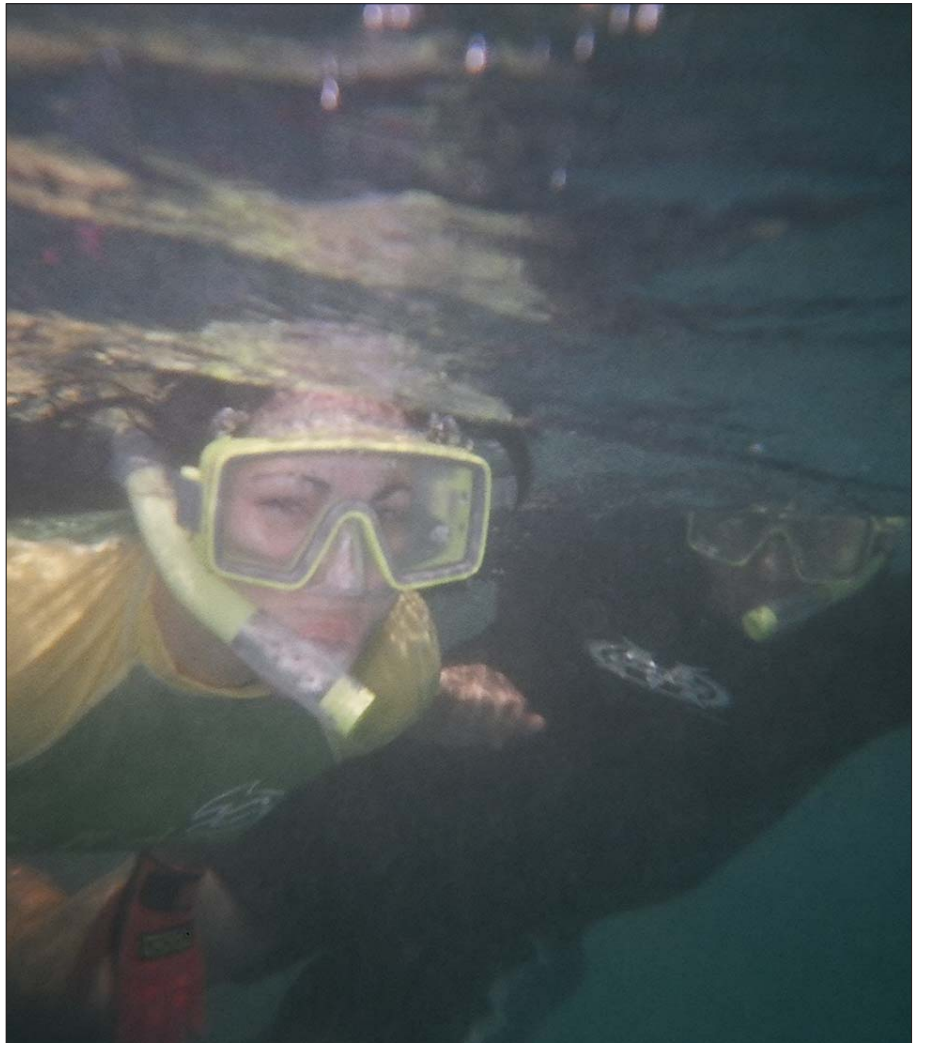
"This is our first time out," Mrs. Talati said as she geared her children up. The excited looks on their faces were proof enough that they were ready to go.

Michelle Gietka, who enjoys snorkeling, commented, "I thought it was cool. I saw a lot more interesting stuff than I thought I would." The entire experience lasted a good hour with snorkelers exploring as much reef as they could.

"I had a lot of fun. It's nothing too hard. It's a nice day to get out and is a lot better than being home," Thomas Drlinger said of his experience.

Wonderful Wednesday was started by the Outdoor Recreation services staff to allow people to have more programs to experience Hickam's great location. Every month, they will highlight an event once a week.

Call Outdoor Recreation for more information on future events at 449-5215.



Photos by Dustin Davis

Desert over-30

Mike Hindman, 379th Expeditionary Services Squadron, penetrates the defense of the 379th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron Tuesday during over-30 basketball play at this Southwest Asia base. Hindman, deployed from the 15th Services Squadron, had 16 points in the 379th ESVS 60-57 loss.

[Right] Hindman takes an outside shot over a 379th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron player during lunchtime over-30 action Tuesday.

Hickam youth get a kick out of soccer



Photos by Oscar Hernandez
[Above] Max Mills (facing), 8, takes the ball away from a Pearl Harbor Waverunners player during youth soccer action at the Hickam Soccer Fields Saturday.
[Right Top] Brian Taluba (in red), 7, of the Blue Dragons kicks in a goal as Chase Frantz, 6, and Maya Wiedenhoeft, 8, defend.
[Right Bottom] Jordan Thomas, 7, of the Hickam Cheetahs takes control of the ball from Chris Haire, 7, of the Blue Dragons.
[Below] Alana Higa, 7, of the Hickam Cheetahs stops a shot at the goal.

